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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Shinichi SAEKI et al. : Docket No. 2001_1038
Serial No. 09/910,711 : Group Art Unit 2615
Filed July 24, 2001 :
OPTICAL DISC, RECORDING APPARATUS,
AND COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Recently, optical discs such as CD-ROMs and DVD (Digital Versatile Disc)-ROMs have been used for recording video data (also called AV data in this document) of movies or the like, as well as being used as secondary storages for computers. Currently, practical uses of DVD-RAMs are awaited because of the general expectation that DVD-RAMs will be popular as the main recording medium of the next generation.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specifically, the AV data is compressed in compliance with MPEG2. Through the compression, information called NV pack which is unique to DVD is added to the start of each GOP (Group of Pictures). GOPs are sections which each have a period of 0.4 to 1.0 seconds.